

## English Ministry Annual Report 2021

God has been faithful and kind to our English congregation in 2021. While we are still suffering and struggling through many of the challenges of 2020, we were able to open up the church doors again and begin to meet in person.

It was a time of encouragement and refreshment being able to see many old faces again, as well as meeting some new friends who have begun attending our church.

God's grace through His Spirit has been working to provide our congregation everything that we need to grow in godliness. It is our sincere hope, that regardless of how long we are restricted from meeting in person "like normal", that our relationship among our congregation members will continue to grow as we meet online.

As we approach the end of the year and look forward to how God will work in our congregation in 2022 we are hoping to center ourselves around the church's theme of "One Thing".

All that we do is to reflect what we believe about who Jesus is, The Son of God, Savior of the World. We want to press on or strain ahead to live lives that are pleasing to Him and tell others about His amazing love.

As God's love reaches out to us, we respond by reaching back up to Him in faith, worship, love, and obedience.

We also reach out to our fellow brothers and sisters in the Church to encourage and grow in love and unity through continued regular meetings, Scripture studying, prayer and spending time together.

Finally, we seek to "strain ahead" in obedience to Jesus by "reaching out" to those outside the church walls.

In the upcoming year, we think especially of how God has called the church to care for his "protected class of people" as an opportunity to reach out to those in physical need (refugees, the poor, immigrants).

Whether it is through showing love to our literal neighbors next door, or even those who God brings into our lives who are different than us, our goal is to show how God's love has changed us and that making Him known is our "one thing".

Summary of Some of 2021

### **Friday Fellowship**

Our mixed aged Friday night zoom meetings studied various books of the bible including: Judges, Ephesians as well as a series dedicated towards “loving your neighbor”. Every fourth Friday night was dedicated to playing games together over zoom.

### **Sunday Morning**

Joshua  
Proverbs  
John

**Sunday School**  
Sermon Discussion

### **ECCO (English Compassionate Community Outreach)**

#### **Food Relief**

**Daniel’s Table** (Framingham): During the later part of the year, members of CGCM were able to volunteer at Daniel’s Table Food Relief. While there, we were able to pack groceries, interact with community clients, distribute food, and learn more about the organization. We are hoping to volunteer 1 day every month in 2022. If you’re interested in volunteering in 2022. Please contact Pastor Eric Sandberg

#### **Loving Our Neighbor**

Through the generous donations of CGCM families, we were able to provide enough financial contributions to help a single mother have her car repaired, as well pay for 2 month’s stay at an Extended Stay Hotel while they looked for new housing.

#### **RIAC Donations**

The English congregation, together with families from the church worked together to donate a large number of housing materials, cleaning supplies and other daily care needs to help the Roxbury based, Refugee & Immigration Assistance Center, to help the approximately 600 individuals and families who are Afghan refugees that will be arriving in Boston over the next calendar year.



#### **College Care Packages**

In a change of tradition, the church provided Uber Eats gift cards to the college students during their finals before Christmas. They were much appreciated!!